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Increased Flows to Feather River Beginning Today at Noon

Oroville, California –The Department of Water Resources will increase flows from 11,000 to 13,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to the Feather River starting today at noon.

With inflows at approximately 12,000 cfs to 18,000 cfs, Lake Oroville is at 860.5 feet elevation.

Crews working 24 hours per day have removed approximately 897,000 cubic yards of sediment and debris below the spillway.

Flows to meet environmental requirements downstream in the Feather River are being met by releases through the Thermalito Diversion Dam and Thermalito Afterbay River Outlet. The low flow section of the Feather River (the river channel through Oroville) is currently at 5,000 cfs. The total flow to the Feather River is currently 11,000 cfs.

Due to increased outflow to the Feather River, DWR advises the public to avoid the river. Additional flow increases to the Feather River are expected to occur in the next week.

To News Media: For your safety and the safety of crews working in the construction zone, members of the news media are advised to wear Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) – hard hat, reflective vest, and sturdy shoes/boots. Those not following this guideline will be asked to leave the area.

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For information on lake conditions – including lake levels, inflows, and outflows – visit the <u>Oroville Reservoir page</u> on the California Data Exchange Center.

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